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**RESPONSE**

Sir:

This paper is herewith filed in response to the Examiner's Office Action mailed on October 13, 2005 for the above-captioned U.S. Patent Application. This paper is deemed to be filed within the shortened statutory period, and no petition or fee for an extension of time is required. However, should the undersigned attorney be mistaken, please consider this a petition for any extension of time that may be required to maintain the pendency of this Patent Application, and charge deposit account no. 50-1924 for any required fee deficiency.

A current claim listing is set forth below.